

GREATEST WINNER ON TURF AND HIS HORSES

FINLY OF SUBURBAN HANDICAP

SARATOGA RACES
STILL DRAW WELLWhy Gates Disposed of His
Stable and Quit the
Tracks.

COLIN GREATEST OF YEAR

Keene's Unbeaten Commando
Colt Best of All Two-
Year-Olds.

BY J. S. A. MACDONALD.

SARATOGA, N. Y., August 24.—Sum-
mer time has elapsed since the open-
ing of the track at Empire City to
pretty fairly estimate the effect of rac-
ing there on the local game. While it
is true that some of the turf followers
left Saratoga for Yonkers, it is equally
true that a goodly portion of them
have already returned, or are prepar-
ing to. It is likewise certain that
there has been no diminution in the
attendance at the races here. The ex-
pert turf writers now located at Sar-
atoga generally concede this fact most
willingly, and many of them are of the
opinion that there has never been a
larger following here or one more rep-
resentative than can be found at the
track to-day. Empire City has been
drawing a good attendance to be sure,
but it has not been drawn from Sar-
atoga, a fact that seems to suggest
that those who go to Yonkers would
not care to leave Saratoga for those
who are here, for the conditions under
which the sport is conducted at the
local track. The result suggests that
there must be a reason, and one has
not far to seek it.

The second week of racing has been
far superior to the first six days. The
attendance has not only been twice
as large, but the sport itself has been
better in every respect. The good
horses are being paraded, and the class
shown the first few days has been
the very best. What has been a fea-
ture of the second week's racing has
been the extravagant toilets shown by
the "swells." This applies to men as
much as to women. Very few of the
racing followers indulge in such ex-
travagance. "Boots" Durnell leading in this
respect. This astute horseman affects
his racing colors, brown and white.
With the women, Lillian Russell eas-
ily leads in the dress line. For ten
days Miss Russell has put in an ap-
pearance wearing a different cost-
ume daily. Some of them are drama-
tic, and they have been the admiration
of the racegoers. Every afternoon the
word is passed along the line, "I won-
der what she will wear to-morrow."

WHY MR. GATES

The dissolution of the powerful
Gates-Durnell confederacy is still the
topic of conversation here. Many and
varied reasons have been given for
the abandonment of the American turf
by Mr. Gates and the disposal of his
horses on the bay. The fact is, how-
ever, that the confederacy was ab-
surd, while others have a more
definite ring to them.

When the real causes are known it
will be found that Mr. Gates severed
his connection with the American turf
of the Atlantic simply because his busi-
ness was every one else's business.
The publicity given to his betting
operations by certain New York papers
was a disaster to the millionaire,
and despite his denial that he was
"frequently under a million," the
papers kept at him hammer and tongs.
He is quoted as having said to a friend
at the pier the morning he sailed that
he was "fed up" and wanted
to get where he would never see an-
other American newspaper reporter. In
selling out his stable—for it is gen-
erally conceded that Mr. Gates owned
every one of the horses trained by
himself on the bay, the fact was
blatantly around New York was broken
up. Every horse in the stable was a
winner, and if Mr. Gates had been
allowed to conduct his turf transac-
tions as he deemed fit, there is no
doubt that the sum of money he re-
ceived would have been stored up
before the snow began to fly.

Keene's Colin the Premier.

It is now generally conceded that
Colin, the great Commando colt, is the
best racehorse seen on a metropolitan
track in years, if not the greatest.
Mr. Keene, the owner, has acknowl-
edged this fact, not even excepting
Synbow. Those who have watched the
colt smother his field for speed have
noticed one thing, and that is that
Colin is the biggest runner seen for a
long time. He is only going to do what
he is made to do. In his race with
Uncle the other day he kept head and
head with the Hildreth colt, and was
content to remain in that position the
entire journey, despite the fact that
he could have romped into the lead at any
time. It was not until Miller went at
him with the whip that he showed a
desire to improve his position. In the
Grand Union Stakes, Jan. Wednesday,
the same thing happened. He allowed
Jima Gaffney to keep a head in front
of him until well into the stretch, and
he would not put forth his best efforts
until Miller drew his whip. He was
compelled to lash Colin several times,
and the colt made a move. Then he
ran from the whip, and in a second
was four lengths in front, which was
increased to six before the finish. If
Colin did not have the slightest
doubt but that Colin could smash every
two-year-old record.

Colin is still unbeaten, and from the
timber so far shown among the two-
year-olds there is nothing around here
to make him even draw a long breath.
He will win for Mr. Keene almost as
much money as the unfortunate Peter
Pan.

The rustle of yellow-back bills and



GREAT RACE COUP

LOSES THOUSANDS

Black Mary, Scheduled to Make
Big Killing, Is Beaten
Out.

FORTUNE LOST BY A HEAD

She Easily Disposes of Favorite,
But Is Nosed Out by
Outsider.

SARATOGA, N. Y., August 24.—There

was a good crowd at the Saratoga
races last Monday, and the finishes, as
a rule, were close and exciting. One
of the most carefully planned "kill-
ings" of the year failed in the Ken-
tucky Stakes, when Black Mary, after
a sensational rush down the stretch,
failed by a short head to land the
stake.

Black Mary was carded as belong-
ing to "Mr. Currie," which is said to
be the name under which horses own-
ing to Mrs. E. R. Bradley are run.
Special preparation for this race had
been given the filly, and on the strength
of an unusually good performance on
Friday, when she finished third, after
a rough journey, Mrs. Bradley con-
cluded that the Kentucky Stakes was at her
mercy.

E. Dugan had been engaged for
some time as the rider, but complica-
tions arose at the last moment. J. J.
Hyland protested to the stewards that
he had the loan of Dugan from John
E. Madden and "Tom" Healy to ride
his filly Biskra in the same race. The
stewards decided that as Durnell had
promised Dugan's services before he re-
linquished his contract, Mr. "Currie"
was entitled to the colt.

This difficulty smoothed out, Bradley
proceeded to send a sum, said to be
considerably in excess of \$10,000, into
the ring to be wagered on Black Mary.
Hyland was compelled to scratch Biskra
for lack of a competent rider. Brad-
ley's friends in the West were told to
get down their bets on Black Mary.

Fortune Lost by Short Head.

The public on the strength of the
easy win of Frizette the last time out,
played the Keene filly so heavily that
Bradley was able to get his bet down
at an average of 3 to 1. Black Mary
was well off and was able to dispose
of the favorite, but Ella O'Neill cam-
suddenly back into racing form, and
under the good ride by Little Fling,
rushed out into the lead and hung on
gamely.

Black Mary and Frizette joined her
at the head of the stretch, and the most
exciting finish of the meeting resulted.
The three horses being noses apart at
the line, and the result being in doubt
until the numbers were run up. Black
Mary was in front a stride beyond the
finish. Burlew and his friends are said
to have won a tidy sum on Ella O'Neill,
the books were not all winners on the
race.

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highest grade of material and work-
manship that can be gotten out.

The offer of the company holds good
during the remainder of the present
season, and members of the team win-
ning a pair can procure them by ap-
plying at the store in Manchester,
where they will be fitted.

Golf Notes.

Walter J. Travis, at Garden City last Tues-
day, made a round the course in the phe-
nomenal score of 85. He was out-
spun the best ball of Ward and McDon-
ald, who won by a close margin. The
course at Garden City now measures 6,435
yards and its par is 85-86-16. Length was
not the only consideration in the recent
change to the links. Several roads are to
now replace former flat ones, the system of
bunkers and traps has been altered to place
a greater premium on accurate play, and in
other respects the grounds have been im-
proved so as to make the course a positive test
of skill. Travis' marvelous 85 was com-
posed of an out journey of 37 and an in
of 33. Every golfer can realize the worth
of this performance.

Contrary to the prevailing idea on the sub-
ject, John D. Rockefeller plays an excellent
game of golf. A personal friend of the oil
king's says that Mr. Rockefeller would prob-
ably negotiate the Country Club's course in
from 82 to 85 strokes. That's going some
for a gentleman weighted down with money
and years.

LONDON'S GREAT

STADIUM BEGUN

Great Arena for Athletics Will
Provide Room for
80,000.

PREPARE FOR OLYMPIC GAMES

World's Great Athletes to As-
semble in Metropolis in
July Next.

LONDON, August 24.—Athletes on

this side are now beginning to focus
their attention on the great interna-
tional Olympic games to be held in
London in July of next year. It is ex-
pected that twenty-five nations will
compete, and in view of the recent re-
verses sustained by English sportsmen,
British athletes are being adjured to
spare no effort to obtain the entry of
the best possible athletes.

At the ceremony recently, in which
the Duke of Argyll and Lord and Lady
Dorchester participated, the first
stadium which will be erected for the
accommodation of 80,000 spectators.
The site is quite close to the magnif-
icent building of the Franco-British
exhibition, which will be one of the
most popular features of London next
summer.

Other Competitions.

There will also be competitions in
cycling and archery for men and women,
fencing, golf, gymnastics, foot-
ball, tennis, swimming and wrestling. In addition,
shooting competitions will be arranged
for the Olympic games. The British Olympic Association
has been formed to co-operate with the
International Olympic Committee in the
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ORBY'S TENDON

WORRIES TRAINER

DUBLIN, August 24.—Mr. Croker told
a Star correspondent yesterday that the
only thing wrong with his horse Orby
was a strained tendon. Dr. McCabe,
Mr. Croker's stud manager, issued the
following statement to-day: "There is
little or no chance of having Orby
right for the St. Leger. He must have
rest, and he is getting it. He is much
better than he was, but he came back
from Liverpool 'all wrong,' though he
had left here all right. A veterinary
surgeon who saw him pronounced him
suffering from a tendon problem, and
he is being treated again. He is not
against that is the fact that his leg
was far worse when he first came un-
der my charge, and yet he was trained
and won the two Darbys, English
Irish, All this spring the leg looked
so bad I had great fight to prevent
Mr. Croker from taking the advice of
a friend, who wanted to have the horse
fried at once and put aside for the year.
Orby always will be a problem to train,
but I don't think the leg looked
better than he was on Derby day this
year. Nobody yet knows how good
Orby is, but he had a leg before I got
him."

NEWS OF HORSES

AND HORSEMEN

Formation of the Alexandria
Horsemen's Association an
Important Move.

FUTURE OF VIRGINIA RACING

It is Princine, 2:10 1-4, Now—
Devil Hal, Son of Direct Hal.
Batchelor Dies.

BY W. J. CARTER (BROAD ROCK).

Quite an important move made re-
cently at Alexandria, Va., and one like-
ly to interest owners, breeders and
horse fanciers in general, was a meet-
ing of prominent citizens there and
the formation of the Alexandria Horse-
men's Association, with the following
officers: President, Judge J. K. M. Nor-
ton; First Vice-President, Gardner L.
Booth; Second Vice-President, James
Patterson; Secretary, Charles H. Hoof,
Jr.; and Treasurer, C. Jones Rixey. The
avowed purpose of the association is
to hold annual horse shows in or near
Alexandria, but doubtless racing will
also be a prominent feature, as a com-
mittee was appointed to negotiate for
a lease of the old St. Asaph race-track
nearby. In the event of not being
able to secure satisfactory terms on
that property, another site is being
considered that could be secured by
either lease or purchase. At an early
date application will be made to the
Virginia State Corporation Commission
for a charter. The officers and many
of the members of this new organiza-
tion are not only substantial business
men that have met with success, but
deeply interested in horses as well. Mr.
Rixey, the treasurer, is largely inter-
ested in banking in Washington, Alex-
andria, Culpeper and Charlottesville,
while, in addition, he is a big real es-
tate holder and a breeder of both thor-
oughbred and harness horses.

The establishment by Mr. Oxford

of Blue Ridge Stud, with its 600 beau-
tifully bred stallions and mares, in
Fauquier county, has opened the eyes
of people of the State to the im-
portance of encouraging other
breeders to invest, as the retired major
has in land and stock. It is generally
agreed that the best method of en-
couraging breeders to invest in Vir-
ginia and to give race meetings at
the most important towns of the State
is to encourage the breeding of horses.
—Richmond, Norfolk, Alexandria and
Roanoke.

The building of a first-class race-

course at Alexandria, to take the place
of the antiquated and poorly equipped
Banning plant, would be a great boon
to horsemen. The Banning course is
poorly situated, the track is small and
the going is so deep a man does not
care to train and race a first-class
horse there.

There is plenty of waste land about
Alexandria which could be bought
cheaply to build a great track upon.
And Alexandria is as easy of access to
the people of Washington as is Ben-
ning field. The Banning folk might
like the idea of a first-class race track
being built at Alexandria, but if they
do not, let them construct a first-class
plant themselves and show they are
worthy the support of horsemen and
horse folk.

One of the most highly prized two-

year-olds in Virginia is the black colt
Devil Hal, owned by Samuel Walton,
who has a big breeding establishment
at Falls Hill, and is one of the most
liberal patrons of the light harness
horse that Virginia has ever had.
Devil Hal is by Direct Hal, 2:04 1-2,
dam Regardless Maid, by Dare Devil,
2:09, second dam Regent's Last, by
Prince Regent, 2:16 1-4. Devil Hal is
a full brother to Princess Direct, a filly
that showed sensational speed at the
pace for her owner, George B. Latti-
mer, of Buffalo, last season, but, unlike
his sister, the black colt is a trotter
and seems to prefer that gait, albeit
when broken to harness as a yearling
he would alternately trot and pace.
As it is the intention of Mr. Walton
to develop Devil Hal and then place
him in the stud, additional interest is
attached to the son of Direct Hal by
the recent performances of Regardless
Maid, 2:04 1-4, winner of the Chamber
of Commerce stake for 213 paces at
Detroit, who was also sired by Direct
Hal, and is out of Regent's Last, the
grand dam of Mr. Walton's colt. The
latter also owns Regardless Maid, and
the daughter of Dare Devil is looked
upon as one of the choicest matrons
at Walton, where some of the best
brood mares to be found in the South
are to be seen. Quite recently Mr.
Lattimer drove Princess Direct a mile

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IMPORTATION OF MACHINES

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York Automobile Club announces sev-
eral contests of a technical nature and
of a character new on this side of the
Atlantic, to be arranged during the
coming fall. The intention of the
directors of the club is to hold these
tests in New York City as far as pos-
sible, although there may be one run
on the roads before the snow flies.
To oversee these contests and attend
to other matters of a technical nature,
a contest and technical committee has
been named. This committee will make
its announcements at an early date.
The entertainment committee of the
club is also working on a program for
the fall and winter.

On account of the recent burning of
the Long Beach Hotel, in which was
situated one of the suburban club
quarters of the club, the series of
sports and games arranged to be held
there a year ago, will be run off
at the Lake Mahopac Clubhouse early
in September. The summer home of
the club and other automobilists are
great deal of attention from auto-
mobiles these days. Its verandas are
crowded each evening by members of
the club and other automobilists, all
of whom are made welcome by the
management. There are rooms to be
secured by members who desire to
overnight, and a splendid dining-room
and cafe. A considerable number of
the members are now making the club
house the scene of their week-end va-
cations. The club also maintains rooms
at the Peere Marins Inn, on Staten
Island. Next summer when the Long
Beach Hotel is rebuilt, the club will
again take rooms at that resort.

Many imported machines
The importation of automobiles during July
show a considerable gain over the same
month a year ago. One hundred and
fifty automobiles, of a total appraised
value of \$428,339.88, were imported in
July, 1907, as compared with 106 cars,
valued at \$379,881.25 in the same month
of 1906. Seven hundred and five cars,
valued at \$2,401,310.76, have been im-
ported at this port since the 1st of
January, 1907, compared with 823 cars,
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